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**The university's Institute for Urban Affairs and Research** has received a three-year grant of \$433,423 from the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect.

The funds will be used to support a study which aims to aid the development and implementation of community-based efforts to prevent and halt child abuse and neglect. Researchers will evaluate available literature on the subject, conduct a survey of existing community-based prevention programs, assess the involvement of minorities in such programs and develop planning protocols.

Lula A. Beatty is the study's principal investigator.

**"Survival Kits from Students"** was the headline of a story in *The Washington Post's* "Home" section last February 22 describing an assignment given fourth-year Howard architecture students to design an alternative shelter for the homeless for \$10 or less.

The story told of how Raj Barr-Kumar, associate professor of architecture, had sent his students out into the streets and elsewhere to interview homeless people. "Effectively, you cannot really achieve much if you don't know who your client is," he told the reporter.

"I was trying to say to them, 'If you have no place to go and you have a few possessions of your own and you're a mobile sort of individual, what kind of

shelter would you design for less than \$10?'"

The result, as reported in the article, was "'urban survival kits' modeled from broomsticks, umbrellas, cardboard, even grocery carts." □



**Steve Wilson**, head football coach of the Howard Bison, was chosen the 1989 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Football Coach of the Year by league coaches.

Wilson, who guided the Bison to an 8-3 record in his first season, received four of seven first-place votes and 403 points, nearly twice those of runners-up Ed Wyche of Morgan State (211) and Bill Collick of Delaware State (150).

"It's a great honor," Wilson was quoted as saying. "Coming in the first year and being able to represent such a fine group of coaches really gives me a good feeling."

The Bison finished second in the MEAC with a 4-2 record, one game behind Delaware State.

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**Four Howard "living legends"** received awards from *Callaloo*, a journal of African and African American arts and letters, at the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association in Washington, D.C.

They are: literary critic Arthur P. Davis; artist Lois Mailou Jones Pierre-Noel; librarian Dorothy Porter Wesley; and classicist Frank M. Snowden, Jr.

The award ceremony was dedicated to the memory of another Howard legend, the late poet, scholar and teacher Sterling A. Brown.

In a news release, *Callaloo* editor Charles H. Rowell, a professor of English at the University of Virginia, said of the ceremony: "This program is also intended to honor that great institution," which "has produced a host of brilliant scholars who have, in turn, made invaluable contributions to the study of American life and culture."

**The Charter Day Dinner, and the Charter Day Convocation** were celebrated on March 1 and 2, respectively.

The convocation address was delivered March 2 in Cramton Auditorium by John E. Jacob, president and chief executive of-

4 ficer of the National Urban League, and chairman of Howard's Board of Trustees.

At the dinner, which was held at the Washington Hilton and Towers on March 1, four outstanding Howard graduates were honored for distinguished achievement in their respective fields.

This year's honorees were: Larkin Arnold Jr., a partner in Arnold & Frisby of Beverly Hills, Calif., a successful entertainment law firm; the Rev. Vernon N. Dobson, pastor of Union Baptist Church in Baltimore; Dr. Harold P. Freeman, director of the department of surgery at the Harlem Hospital Center in New York City; and Carroll L. Miller, professor emeritus and former dean of the Graduate School at Howard.

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**College of Dentistry Dean Jeanne C. Sinkford** has been awarded the International College of Dentists' Award of Merit from fellows of the organization's District of Columbia chapter.

She becomes the first woman to be included in the American section of the organization's "Chronicles of Outstanding Leaders in Dentistry," which includes videotaped interviews with dental educators, researchers and practitioners.

The videotapes will be available to libraries and dental societies throughout this country and abroad, including Howard's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center.



In selecting Sinkford for its award of merit, the international dental organization took note of her distinction as the first woman to head a dental school; her research on such topics as tissue responses to metallic dental implants; and her efforts to recruit women and minorities into dental careers.

She received her own dentistry degree from Howard in 1958 and was appointed dean in July 1975.

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**The National Black Leadership Initiative on Cancer** has established an office at the Howard University Cancer Center.

Founded under the auspices of U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis W. Sullivan, the Initiative represents an effort to recruit African American community leaders in the drive to reduce the disproportionate impact of cancer on the nation's African American communities.

Cancer center director Kenneth Olden serves as vice chairman of the Initiative's executive committee.

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**Peter M. Bainum**, professor of aerospace engineering, has been awarded two grants to further his research in space technology: \$237,535 from the Air Force Office of Scientific Research and \$71,405 from the Air Force Wright Aeronautical Laboratories at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Fairborn, Ohio.

The funds will be used to support projects involving mathematical modeling and computer simulation of the performance of large space structures in orbit.

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**The School of Social Work** is a recent recipient of several hundred thousand dollars in grant money from the National Institute of Mental Health.

Richard English, the school's dean is a co-principal investigator, with Fariyal Ross-Sheriff, of the three-year \$323,000 project. The goal of this project is to train graduate students in areas of behavioral problems among emotionally disturbed adolescents.

Another unrelated item: The school celebrated Social Work Month at a day-long program on March 30. □